

January 11, 2018

Dear Adult Softball Managers,

Happy New Year! This letter is to inform you of some important information regarding team fees, league eligibility and residency requirements. Please review this information carefully to determine the impact it will have on your team. All dates in this letter refer to the summer 2018 softball season.

Registration for **returning teams** will be accepted on a first come, first served basis beginning on February 1. Returning teams must simply give written notice of their intention to return to a specific league by 4:30 p.m. on April 6, 2018. Returning teams must submit all registration fees, roster, and waiver by Monday, April 23th to hold their spot in the league. Not sure if you qualify as a returning team? Refer to the enclosed materials for registration guidelines and league eligibility.

Registration for **new teams** will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis beginning April 9. If you are interested in registering as a new team, return a completed copy of the enclosed team roster and wavier of liability form. All registration fees and forms are due at the time of registration for new teams. Deadline for team registration is Monday, April 30, OR when the leagues fill.

Please note that the team fee has increase a nominal amount to \$305, for the first time in 10 years, due to rising costs on our end.

Orion Township Adult Softball League Rules and Regulations are governed by USA Softball of Detroit (USA), with all umpires being registered with USA. For more information on USA visit www.usasoftball.com.

All players must be at least 18 years of age by the first game of the regular season. Teams must carry a minimum of 12 players and no more than 20 (including substitutes). Doubleheader games are played at either Civic Center Park (2525 Joslyn Road) or Friendship Park (3380 W. Clarkston Road). Umpire fees are \$20 per team per regular season game, payable in cash at the field.

A mandatory manager's meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 7 at 7:00 PM (Location at Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Rd). Teams who send a representative to the meeting will start the season with a 1-0 record (that's a 2 point head start).

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding the league. I can be reached at (248) 391-0304 ext. 3506 or jhayes@oriontownship.org. Thank you for your time, and we are looking forward to another great season!

Sincerely,

Jesse Hayes
Orion Township Parks & Recreation
Recreation Programmer

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Requirements & Guidelines for
Adult Softball Team Registration

*All dates refer to the SUMMER 2018 softball season. Please reference the chart on the back for dates pertaining to FALL 2018 softball season.

1. **Returning teams qualify for early bird registration starting February 1, 2018. Returning teams must submit a written notification of return no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, April 6th, 2018.** All 2017 summer teams and 2017 fall teams whose 2018 summer roster includes at least one third of their most recent roster are eligible for early bird registration.
 - **IMPORTANT INFORMATION –The total number of eligible teams exceeds the number of team openings, so make sure to register early because not every returning team is guaranteed a spot in their league of choice. Returning team reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.**
 - Once open registration begins on April 9th, 2018, ALL teams will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
2. **Returning teams must submit all fees, deposits and forms by April 23rd, 2018, or surrender their league reservation and register as a new team. New teams must submit all fees, deposits and forms at the time of registration. AN OFFICIAL ORION TOWNSHIP TEAM ROSTER AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM (FULLY COMPLETED) ARE REQUIRED --- NO EXCEPTIONS !!!** Returning teams must submit a new roster and waiver of liability form. Signatures on 2017 or prior rosters are not valid and will not be accepted for the 2018 season.
3. **Required Fees**
 - **Team Fee: \$305**
 - **Non-Resident Player Fee: \$20 per non-resident player**
 - i. A Resident player must either reside in Orion Township or Lake Orion or maintain full-time employment with an Orion business for at least 6 months. The burden of proof lies with each player.
 - ii. Residency can be proven with any of the following documentation:
 1. Copy of a driver's license.
 2. Copy of a tax or utility bill listing the player as the homeowner or primary account holder.
 3. A letter of employment from the Human Resources Department stating that the player has maintained full-time employment for at least 6 months.
 - **Refundable forfeit deposit: \$100** (Refunded on a prorated basis to the payer of the fee upon the completion of your team's last game of the regular season.).
 - **Umpire fees: \$20 per team per game** (Please keep in mind that doubleheaders are played once a week. Therefore, \$40 is required to cover umpire fees for both games each night of play (\$20 x 2 games).
4. All players must be at least 18 years of age by the first game of the regular season. Teams must carry a minimum of 12 players and no more than 20 (including subs). Co-ed team rosters must reflect a female player count of at least half of the total number of players on the roster, i.e. 14 players total, 7 must be female.
5. Any player added after the initial roster/waiver form is submitted must complete and sign both the roster and waiver forms before they participate in a game. Completed forms must be submitted to the Community Programs office no less than 24 hours prior to their next scheduled game. **Final deadline for addition and deletion of players is June 1st, 2018!**
6. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. All roster/waiver forms submitted must be filled out completely to be accepted and approved by the League Coordinator in the Community Programs Department.
7. All participants should be prepared for player identification checks throughout the season. All players should have their driver's license in their possession at **ALL TIMES**.

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Deadlines and Important Dates

For 2018 Summer and Fall Adult Softball Leagues

Summer 2018 League		Fall 2018 League
2/1/18	Early Bird registration for returning teams begins.	5/23/18
4/6/18	Deadline for notification of return from returning teams.	6/24/18
4/9/18	Open registration for all teams. (All fees, deposits, and forms due at time of registration for new teams).	6/25/18
4/23/18	All fees, deposits, and forms due for returning teams.	7/9/18
4/30/18	Registration deadline.	7/16/18
5/7/18	Manager meeting at the Orion Center at 7:00	7/23/18
5/11/18	FINAL Day for Payment	7/27/18
6/1/18	Final roster due	8/17/17

Release of Liability Action Agreement Roster

I, acknowledge, agree and understand that:
I elect to participate as a member of the
indicated below.

There are certain risks and hazards involved in participating in
injury or death to me or other players including, but not
associated with weather conditions, playing conditions,
participants.

Playing into base is dangerous to me and to other players and
injury or death.

The very nature of the game of softball is hazardous and risky,
to, the acts of pitching, throwing, fielding and catching of
the bat, running, jumping, stretching, sliding, diving, and
ers and with stationary objects, all of which can cause
me and to other players. Further, I, the undersigned
consideration for the right to play as a member of team
consideration for permission to play on the fields arranged
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I accept and assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered by
r playing as a member of the team so designated, (b) while
capacity as a team member during practice or play by other
s on a team, and (c) while on or upon the premises of any
aged for by my team or league for practice or play.

I do not and agree not to sue the team and league designated below,
entity, designated below, the Amateur Softball Association of
, officers, agents, servants, associations, employees, or any
ed with the team; league, field or Amateur Softball
or any claim, damages, costs or cause of action which I
be have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or
tever cause including but not limited to the negligence,
ongful conduct of the parties hereby released.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND THAT I UNDERSTAND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE PROVISIONS IN THIS
WAIVER, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

NAME OF PLAYER (Print) STREET ADDRESS CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE SIGNATURE OF PLAYER

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Charter Township of Orion

Name of League Field Owner or Other Entity